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Soldiers from the LOGCAP Support Unit Deploy

Members of the U.S. Army Logistics Civil Augmentation Program Support Unit will depart Fort Belvoir, Va., Sept. 7 to deploy to Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan in support of America's war on terror and the liberation of Iraq. This is the sixth group of reservists from this unit who have mobilized and deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Many of them are new to the unit and come from as far away as California and Utah. This unique, all-reserve unit attached to AMC is the military interface between military units and the civilian contractors providing the logistics support to combatant commanders in the field. Members of this unit deploy anywhere the Army sends soldiers. LSU personnel are currently serving in Kuwait, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Republic of Georgia, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan. Their teams can be as small as a single soldier or up to five to ten people. [Find out more about the LSU at its web site: www.osc.army.mil/lsu]

Rapid Manufacturing Technology provides CPR for Military Vehicles and Parts in Iraq

The National Automotive Center at the Army's Tank-automotive and Armaments Command and "Focus: HOPE," a civil and human rights organization, have partnered to develop the Rapid Manufacturing Technology, also known as the "Mobile Parts Hospital." The RMT is designed to rebuild military vehicles in Iraq to make spare parts on the battlefield and hopefully reduce the logistics burden during operations.

"Mobile Parts Hospital" began as a spin off of the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital concept, which allows medics to stabilize a soldier's condition on the battlefield before sending the soldier elsewhere for better care. The Operational Requirements Document being developed by the Combined Arms Support Command refers to this capability as Rapid Manufacturing Technology. The name change is more reflective of the type of work being performed. RMT is a one example of bringing AMC maintenance capabilities to the field fast.

RMT is a 30,000-plus pound manufacturing center capable of producing more than 150 parts on the battlefield, including plastics, rubbers, metals and ceramics. Officials expect to build a variety of machine and metallic elements for military vehicles, ranging from HMMWVs and Bradley tanks to generator sets and trailers. With the deployment of the RMT, the Army hopes to assist troops with significant spare parts shortages detailed in a recent press briefing by Army Materiel Commander Gen. Paul Kern. (Excerpts taken from an *Inside the Army* article, Sep. 1, p1)

U.S. Army Military District of Washington's Spirit of America 2003

Spirit of America is a patriotic, live-action show commemorating the heritage of the American soldier. *Spirit of America* features music, drill and historical narrative as soldiers recap the history of our country and the battles fought to maintain freedom.

Spirit of America takes place at the MCI Center, Washington, D.C., Sept. 18 to 21, 2003. Performances of *Spirit of America* are free and open to the public. You must have a ticket to attend. The show is general admission, on a first-come-first-served basis. For tickets and additional information, call 1-866-239-9425 or visit the web-site at <http://spiritofamerica.mdw.army.mil/>

2003 Annual Meeting - Association of the United States Army

AUSA's annual meeting finds a new home this year in the new Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. The event takes place Oct. 6 to 8, 2003. AMC is the lead major command for this year's events. September issues of "Eye on AMC" will highlight some of the roles AMC will fill for the event. Check out the AUSA web site

(<http://www.ausa.org/am2003.nsf/am03home?openpage>) for more detailed information about the conference.